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Week ending October 17, 2010

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 17, 2010**. Most parts of Mississippi received showers this past week, but not enough to relieve the drought pressure facing some producers. The emergence of winter wheat has slowed to a near standstill, and sweet potatoes are still locked in the baked ground. Harvesting continues to move at a pace preceding previous years, with rice, sorghum, and summer hay being completed last week. Soil moisture was rated 64 percent very short, 31 percent short, and 5 adequate.

Crop progress for week ending October 17, 2010

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn, harvested	100	100	89	97
Cotton, open bolls	100	100	94	98
Cotton, harvested	92	86	3	60
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	100	99	98	99
Peanuts, harvested	78	65	2	37
Rice, harvested	100	98	58	89
Sorghum, harvested	100	100	63	90
Soybeans, turning color	100	100	100	100
Soybeans, dropping leaves	100	98	90	97
Soybeans, harvested	95	90	48	83
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	87	85	29	69
Winter Wheat, planted	22	12	2	10
Winter Wheat, emerged	8	7	0	4

Crop condition for week ending October 17, 2010

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Livestock	4	24	51	21	0
Pasture	57	32	9	2	0

Comments

“We are wrapping up harvest with just a few acres of cotton and soybeans left. Conditions are still very dry, but have been conducive for a good harvest. Winter wheat is a little behind schedule due to the lack of rain.”

— Charlie Bush, Bolivar

“Tate County finally received rain this past week. This little water was very much needed for final harvest.”

— Shelli Benton, Tate

“Continued dry weather is aiding in crop harvest, but is having detrimental effects on pastures.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“This drought is very serious! Yards, pastures, hay fields, athletic fields, and everywhere else grass grows is browning because of the lack of rain. Ponds are drying up. The only good thing about the situation is that row crop farmers are completing harvest without delay from rain, the exact opposite of last year’s harvest.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“A light frost has ended the sweet potato growing season in Chickasaw county. The crop that has not yet been harvested is undamaged, but will not size up anymore. The cotton harvest is nearly complete. Light rain settled dust, but more is needed for winter pastures and wheat. Consultants are pulling nematode and soil samples to get ready for 2011.”

— Bill Burdine, Chickasaw

“The dry weather we are receiving is great for harvesting row crops, but it is bad for getting ryegrass planted and established.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“Growers are planting wheat and doing some fall tillage; harvest is almost complete.”
— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Harvest is about completed and a lot of fall tillage activity is taking place along with wheat planting.”
— Don Respass, Quitman

“We got an average of four tenths of an inch of rain on Tuesday. By Wednesday morning, you could not tell it. It will be enough to get food plots up but that is about all.”
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Harvest activities are 99.9 percent completed. Most fall tillage work is completed. Excellent progress has been made with fall fertilizer and lime applications. If we could get a good rain, wheat planting will get into "high gear."”
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“Producers who have contracted wheat at high prices for next year are hoping for a good rain soon to gain adequate moisture to plant the crop.”
— Strider McCrory, Sunflower

“Harvest is almost completely finished. Some wheat has been planted and some are waiting for a rain.”
— Lester Stephens, Washington

“With the harvest of field crops almost finished, the big considerations are the establishment of cool season forage, preparation of fields for wheat, and application of fertilizers. We will not be able to plant cool season crops until we get some rain.”
— Ernest Flint, Attala

“It is very dry. We had a good harvest season with some very high yields. However, the weather is very bad for planting rye grass.”
— Carolyn Conger, Covington

“The lack of rainfall is causing some beef producers to start feeding hay.”
— Thomas E. Brewer, Jefferson Davis

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending October 17, 2010

Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks
Upper Delta									
Clarksdale	85	42	66	64	2	0.37	-0.26	1	0.83
Cleveland	93	43	67	66	1	0.46	-0.24	2	0.47
Lambert 1W	94	40	67			0.41	-0.22	1	0.94
Tunica	90	46	67	63	4	0.12	-0.59	2	0.12
Extreme/Average	94	40	67	64	3	0.34	-0.33	2	0.59
North-Central									
Batesville 2SW	92	40	66	63	3	2.00	1.28	1	2.05
Hickory Flat	89	35	63	61	2	0.35	-0.35	1	1.18
Holly Springs	91	34	64	60	4	0.11	-0.69	1	0.59
Independence	90	38	64	62	2	0.43	-0.20	1	0.73
Oxford	91	39	66	61	5	0.19	-0.63	1	0.58
Extreme/Average	92	34	65	62	3	0.62	-0.09	1	1.03
Northeast									
Booneville	89	38	64	61	3	0.07	-0.63	1	0.94
Corinth 7SW	89	37	63	63		0.26	-0.42	1	1.96
Pontotoc Exp	89	42	65	63	2	0.34	-0.36	1	0.56
Tupelo 2	86	42	65			0.19	0.00	1	1.10
Verona	90	40	65	62	3	0.45	-0.18	1	0.70
Extreme/Average	90	37	64	62	2	0.26	-0.44	1	1.05
Lower Delta									
Belzoni	91	45	68	65	3	0.36	-0.46	1	0.67
Moorhead	93	48	70	66	4	0.29	-0.41	1	0.30
Rolling Fork	93	34	67	65	2	0.09	-0.77	1	0.41
Yazoo City	92	45	70	66	4	0.40	-0.52	1	0.40
Extreme/Average	93	34	69	65	4	0.29	-0.49	1	0.45
Central									
Canton 4N	93	38	66	65	1	0.34	-0.38	1	0.47
Carthage	91	38	65	64	1	0.11	-0.59	1	0.11
Forest 3S	89	37	64	65	-1	0.12	-0.67	1	0.21
Kosciusko	89	40	65	64	1	0.21	-0.56	1	0.51
Winona 5E	91	38	64	60	4	0.51	-0.19	1	0.73
Extreme/Average	93	37	65	64	1	0.26	-0.50	1	0.48
East-Central									
Aberdeen	89	40	65	63	2	0.10	-0.71	1	0.26
Columbus	89	39	64	64		0.00	-0.66	0	0.16
Macon	90	41	68	63	5	0.43	-0.20	1	1.27
State University	92	41	67	64	3	0.23	-0.47	1	0.57
Extreme/Average	92	39	66	64	2	0.19	-0.51	1	0.33
Southwest									
Crystal Springs	93	42	68	67	1	0.00	-0.70	0	0.00
Oakley Exp	88	40	69	65	4	0.01	-0.72	1	0.01
Natchez	84	34	62	67	-5	0.25	-0.59	1	0.60
Port Gibson 1NE	93	38	66	64	2	0.00	-0.77	0	0.58
Vicksburg	92	44	69			0.50	0.00	1	0.50
Extreme/Average	93	34	67	66	1	0.15	-0.62	1	0.42
South-Central									
Collins	89	40	66	65	1	0.00	-0.77	0	0.00
Columbia	92	42	68	67	1	0.00	-0.71	0	0.05
Monticello	94	39	69	65	4	0.00	-0.77	0	0.00
Raleigh 6N	89	36	64			0.00	0.00	0	0.34
Tylertown 5ESE	90	37	69	68	1	0.30	-0.54	1	0.30
Extreme/Average	94	36	67	66	1	0.06	-0.70	0	0.10
Southeast									
Hattiesburg	90	46	69	67	2	0.00	-0.73	0	0.22
Laurel	91	41	67	65	2	0.52	-0.18	1	0.52
Newton Exp Stn	93	36	67	63	4	0.15	-0.57	1	0.49
Waynesboro 2W	87	38	66	64	2	0.38	-0.19	1	0.39
Extreme/Average	93	36	67	65	2	0.26	-0.42	1	0.41
State	94	34	66	64	2	0.26	-0.46	1	0.52

DFN = Departure from Normal.